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SUBJECT: SWAZI MPRIME MINISTER REVIEWS SITUATION
IN PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES

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1. PRIME MINISTER MAKHOSINI DLAMINI COMMENTED
ON HIS DELEGATION'S FACT-FINDING MISSION TO
LUSAKA (REFTEL B) IN MEETING WITH CHARGE MAY 29.
PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT DELEGATION HAD LONG TALKS
WITH PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND NYERERE WHO OAU
REPRESENTATIVES WITH LIBERATION GROUPS. DELEGATION
ALSO HAD TALKS WITH MEMBERS THESE GROUPS IN LUSAKA.
PARTIALLY AS RESULT THESE MEETINGS, SWAZILAND
CONCERNS SHIFTED SOMEWHAT FROM "FEAR" THAT NEW
PORTUGUESE REGIME WOULD NOT MOVE QUICKLY ENOUGH TO
NEGOTIATE TO "APREHENSION" THAT LIBERATION GROUPS,
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PARTICULARLY FRELIMO, WOULD PROVE RECALCITRANT

AND WOULD DELAY MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS OR IMPOSE IMPOSSIBLE CONDITIONS TO POINT PORTUGUESE MIGHT LOSE PATIENCE. HE REMARKED THAT KAUNDA AND NYERERE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT UNPREDICTABILITY EVENTS IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. SWAZILAND ALSO VERY CONCERNED, HE SAID, BY PROLIFERATION POLITICAL GROUPS IN MOZAMBIQUE WITH POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES THAT FRELIMO "HAVING WON THE WAR" WOULD GIVE UP THE PRACTICAL MANEUVERING. SWAZILAND STRONGLY HOPED FOR AN EARLY REFERENDUM RESULTING IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MODERATE, SENSIBLE GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE THAT WOULD BE CAPABLE REASSURING "THE WEST AND OTHERS" ABOUT THE LIMITED EXTENT OF CHINESE AND SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

2. PRIME MINISTER DID NOT FORESEE MORE ACTIVE ROLE FOR SWAZILAND IN NEGOTIATIONS TOWARD SETTLEMENT. ALTHOUGH SWAZILAND COULD BE USED AS VENUE FOR NEGOTIATIONS, HE SAID, "OTHERS" MIGHT NOT APPROVE OF THIS. SAID SWAZILAND ONLY INVOLVED DIRECTLY TO EXTENT OF URGING LEADERS FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO NEGOTIATE QUICKLY AND IN GOOD FAITH WITH PORTUGUESE. THIS URGING, HE SAID, OF COURSE CONDITIONAL UPON FINAL PORTUGUESE ABANDONMENT OF DEMANDS THAT FRELIMO LAY DOWN ARMS AND BE FORCED NEGOTIATE FROM POSITION OF WEAKNESS.

3. PRIME MINISTER SPECULATED THAT SOUTH AFRICANS "WORRIED/ ABOUT SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE BUT DOUBTED THEY WOULD GO TO EXTREME OF INVASION MAZAMBIQUE SHOULD "FRELIMO GOVERNMENT" BE ESTABLISHED THERE. HE DOUBTED THAT THE WORLD WOULD PERMIT IT. HE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OVER RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH CURRENT VISIT PRETORIA AND SAID SWAZILAND COULD NOT DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY RHODESIAN/SOUTH AFRICAN SECURITY ALLIANCE. HE REFERRED AGAIN TO "RUMORS" THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD ENCOURAGED UDI MOZAMBIQUE AND GUESSED THESE EFFORTS HAD FAILED.

4. PRIME MINISTER MADE ONE REFERENCE TO "WOMEN WHO VISITED SWAZILAND" (REFTEL A) HE SAID HER ANALYSIS AGREED WITH CONVERSATIONS HE HAD IN LUSAKA WHICH GAVE PM CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPRESSION THAT ZAMBIAN AND TANZANIAN GOVERNMENTS UNCONCERNED THAT THERE SIGNIFICANT FOREIGN (COMMUNIST) INFLUENCE ON LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

5. COMMENT: IN SUBSTANCE AND EMPHASIS PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS IT CLEAR SWAZILAND STILL DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE WORSENING AND INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCES FOR SWAZILAND. HE PROBABLY

REFLECTS VIEW OF KING AND CONSENSUS GOS THAT FRELIMO
IN BEST POSITION ACHIEVE RAPID SETTLEMENT.
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